



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: THOMAS J. BUSH III	)	Confirmation No.: 5695
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Serial No.: 9/815,794	)	Group Art Unit: 3743
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Filed: MARCH 23, 2001	)	Examiner: KENNETH RINEHART
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For: BARBEQUE PIT	)	

**AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT**

THOMAS J. BUSH III, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. Your Affiant is Thomas Jefferson Bush III and I have knowledge of the facts stated herein below.
2. I was conducting prosecution on Application No. 9/815,794 as a Pro Se representative.
3. I was not familiar with the strict rules and regulations set forth in the code of Federal Regulations Chapter 37.
4. I attempted to prosecute a final amendment after final rejection, which was dated November 26, 2003.
5. I had thought that I had timely submitted an appropriate response to the final rejection and was not familiar with the need to file the appropriate extension of time and extension fee.
6. Moreover, I was not familiar with the concept that I could not introduce new matter into an application response.
7. I also was not familiar with the appeal process which I did not correctly follow procedurally.
8. Based on all of the above, the application went unintentionally abandoned.
9. I have since subsequently secured the services of a professional patent attorney to revive my abandoned patent application.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

Dated: 6-3-2010

Thomas J Bush III  
THOMAS JEFFERSON BUSH III

**AFFIRMATION**

I hereby affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Thomas J. Bush III  
THOMAS JEFFERSON BUSH III

STATE OF INDIANA     )  
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COUNTY OF LAKE     )

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED TO** before me, a Notary Public, on this 3 day of  
JUNE, 2010.

Suzette Davis Young  
SUZETTE DAVIS YOUNG, Notary Public

My commission expires: 06/13/2015  
My county of residence: LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA

